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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and these remarks. Claims 1-27 are currently pending.

In the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. It is stated that the claim language for the register was not clear. Applicants have amended claim 1 to overcome this rejection. Applicants have made similar changes to claims 20 and 27. The amended claims clarify that the register is made up of wired handsets and wireless handsets that are among the at least one wired handset and wireless handsets that are accessible through the claimed networks. In view of the clarifying language, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims clearly define the register. It is therefore respectfully requested that this rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

In the Office Action claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,683,870 to Archer. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 20 and 27 to obviate this rejection and more accurately describe the invention. In particular the amended claims are directed to a method and apparatus of transmitting data through an IP core network that is transmitted from an originating source through a PSTN network to at least one of wired handset and a wireless handset. The IP core network is coupled to a PSTN, an access IP network and a radio access network. In this configuration, the IP core network allows access to wired handsets, wireless handsets and other components that are connected to the IP core network.

As detailed in the amendment, the independent claims include a register that includes the wired handsets and wireless handsets that are accessible within the IP core network and the radio access network. Moreover, the registered is compiled by the handsets as they become accessible on the networks. As will be appreciated by those skilled in the art, wireless handsets are not always available on the IP core network because they are mobile. Other devices can also be available or unavailable to the IP core network. Thus, the register allows the system to know what devices can be accessed. When the originating source provides data, the IP core network simultaneously rings the

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registered wired handsets and pages the registered wireless handsets. The system therefore does not attempt to ring or page handsets that are not accessible through the networks because those inaccessible handsets are not on the register. The registration process, as described, provides for a dynamic system of providing data to wired and wireless handsets that are connected to an IP core network.

In the Office Action, it is stated that the register is inherent. Applicants understand this statement to mean that the claimed system and method must inherently know which wired or wireless handsets to ring or page. To the extent that this is true, there are many different types of registers and ways to create the register. Archer discloses that the user creates a database by putting the number of the handsets to be rang or paged. But this database does not mean that the handset is accessible and that the ring or page will be successful. The claimed register, however, is dynamic by registering only those wired or wireless handsets that are accessible through the networks. As stated above, mobile handsets may or may not be accessible through the network. Moreover, the claimed register is created by the actions of the handsets. Thus, while it may be inherent to have a register, it is respectfully submitted that it is not inherent to have the register of only accessible handsets where the register is created by the handsets as they become accessible.

Archer is directed to a method and system that simultaneously transmits a call notification to a plurality of communication devices that can include telephones, both wired and wireless, pagers, computers and voice mail systems. Archer does not disclose or otherwise suggest that the handsets, whether they be wired or wireless, have access to the database to be registered. In other words, the database disclosed in Archer is controlled by human intervention and is not the dynamic type of register disclosed by the present invention. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Archer does not anticipate the present invention as claimed in amended independent claims 1, 20 and 27. As dependent claims 2-19 and 21-26 depend upon and include all the limitations of independent claims 1 and 20, Applicants respectfully submit that Archer does not anticipate the invention as claim in the dependent claims. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejection Section 102(e) be withdrawn.

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As the Applicants have overcome all substantive rejections and objections given by the Examiner and have complied with all requests properly presented by the Examiner, the Applicants contend that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

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Respectfully submitted,
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